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**RE PQ 21078/19: To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons from County Louth currently on the waiting list for the National Counselling Service; the number of these persons that have been waiting 3 to 6, 6 to 12, 12 to 15 and more than 15 months respectively, in tabular form.**

Dear Deputy Adams,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and outline the position as follows.

The HSE National Counselling Service (NCS) in Co. Louth is responsible for providing counselling to adults who have experienced childhood abuse through its Rian Counselling Service as well as counselling in primary care (CIPC) to adults with a current GMS card. Details of the number of clients currently on the waiting list for counselling with the NCS, with a breakdown for the number of months waiting, is provided for both Rian and CIPC in the table below.

**Number of Clients Waiting for Counselling with the NCS in Co. Louth as at 30.5.19**

Months Waiting	0-3	4-6	7-12	13-15	15 +	Total
Rian	3	20	37	17	2	79
CIPC	100	47	8	1	0	156
<b>Total</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>235</b>

I trust the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

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